## Early Transition Option Offered to Some Sailors

Sailors planning on separating from the Navy before the end of this fiscal year now have the option to do so up to six months early, under a recently announced Enlisted Early Transition Program.

The program is voluntary and applies to active-duty Sailors (USN, USNR, TAR and CANVASSER recruiters) serving in selected ratings.

Sailors can begin submitting requests for early separation now. Commanding officers retain final approval authority for early separations up to 90 days before end of active obligated service (EAOS).

Requests for early separation between 91 days and six months prior to EAOS (if EAOS falls on or before March 15, 2004) will be approved by the Navy Personnel Command.

All separations under this program will be effected no later than Sept. 15, 2003.

For more information, refer to NAVADMIN 162/03, available soon on the Web at www.bupers.navy.mil.



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